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other motion to which this amendment would be attached is not adopted, I would recommend that we not vote in advancing LB 1175, and then let the Governor call Special Session. It's going to be on one branch or the other. Is the Governor going to seize the initiative by dealing with the irresponsible Legislature in the only way that a responsible executive can, that is to veto this bill and then call the Legislature into Special Session? That may not happen either. I'm speculating, but that's what all of us are doing. So you look at what is the worst thing that can happen, what course of action will allow you to gain the most, which will cause you to lose the most, or which will cause you to lose the least. you can't win, you talk about cutting losses. Even in one of his stories, Jesus talked about this guy who had an enemy that was going to come against him. And he said, will not a wise general sit down to determine if he, with his 5,000 can overcome an enemy with 15,000. And if he determines that he cannot, would he not go out and try to negotiate or bargain with the enemy who has the 15,000? The enemy has enough to win, period. Maybe you cannot prevail on the enemy to show any mercy, but maybe you can. And if that's the only thing open to you, don't leave that stone unturned. Whether you adopt this amendment that's before you now or not is inconsequential, but what we do with 1175 is. I'm able to lift myself out of this last day and the anxiety people have about what's going to happen here, what's going to happen there, or their eagerness to I can lift myself out of today and look a week from now, a month from now, six months from now, a year from now. can do it, and that's why I function and I don't burn out or wear out, but many of my colleagues cannot. So today is all of life, this room is the whole universe. And what happens here is the be all and end all. So what I would suggest is that if it that to you, we do that which is beneficial to the Legislature, and that would be to correct an error of judgment. Leaving that language in cannot help the Legislature or any of these entities which are to benefit from it, but it can put a stick into the hands of your enemy, and that never is wise. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The question before the body is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to the motion to extend the session. All those in favor vote aye; all